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## House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DRAKE).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 25, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THELMA D. CRAKE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Renewed in spirit by religious observances and the fresh breath of spring, Members of Congress return today to offer You, Lord God, praise and thanks. Strengthened by family ties, conversations with neighbors, and meetings with constituents back home, they are again grounded by the human relationships that make them one with the people they represent and whom they serve.

May the hopes, concerns, and heartfelt needs they carry back to Federal Government find full expression in their committee work and public policy and the just laws they formulate. In all their endeavors may they listen, Lord, and learn from one another, and together reach a new depth of corporate civility.

May they become aware that in serving your people, they serve You, Lord God; for You alone are Father of all and the source of love and justice, both now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 7, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 7, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3351.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 366.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 382.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk of the House.*

### SENIORS ARE PLEASED WITH MEDICARE PART D

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, last week House Republicans hosted over 200 Medicare part D events across the country to educate seniors on this new prescription drug plan and to help them enroll. I hosted two successful Medicare part D enrollment workshops in North Carolina's Fifth Congressional District and was pleased to help many of my constituents sign up to get coverage and save money on their prescriptions.

This is a program that is working for most seniors, and early problems are quickly being corrected. Recently the Washington Post and ABC News reported that of the 30 million-plus seniors who have already enrolled, three-quarters said that the paperwork was easy to complete, and nearly two-thirds say that Medicare part D saved them money.

It is important for seniors interested in this program to enroll by May 15. Seniors do not have to be experts on Medicare to enroll. They can simply call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit medicare.gov for information and personalized assistance. These resources are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If Medicare part D can help you or your loved ones, don't miss this opportunity.

### GAS PRICES

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, nothing was more talked about during the work recess than the outrageous gasoline prices as they go up and up and up. None were more harmed than seniors, others on fixed income, and, of course, America's families who are struggling. We also in Texas had a rolling blackout.

So we must act now; not the Republican agenda, not the agenda that does

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